



South Carolina Department of Health
and Environmental Control

Division of Procurement Services

Request for Proposal
Amendment -- 1

Solicitation No.: RFP-36143-6/23/09-EMW

Date Issued: 6/16/09

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DESCRIPTION: Contract to provide Metagenomics and Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) sequencing testing methodologies to assess non-point (NPS) contributions of fecal coliforms

USING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

The Term "Offer" Means Your "Bid" or "Proposal". Your offer must be submitted in a sealed package. Solicitation Number & Opening Date must appear on package exterior. See "Submitting Your Offer" provision.

SUBMIT YOUR SEALED OFFER TO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

MAILING ADDRESS:

SC DHEC – Division of Procurement Services
Bureau of Business Management
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, S.C. 29201

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

SC DHEC – Division of Procurement Services
Bureau of Business Management
2600 Bull Street, Room 1200 – Aycock Bldg.
Columbia, S.C. 29201

SUBMIT OFFER BY: June 25, 2009/2:30 pm ET

(See "Deadline For Submission Of Offer" provision)

QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: June 15, 2009/2:30 pm ET

(See "Questions From Offerors" provision)

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: One (1) original and six (6) copies

CONFERENCE TYPE: N/A

DATE & TIME:

LOCATION: N/A

(As appropriate, see "Conferences - Pre-Bid/Proposal" & "Site Visit" provisions)

AWARD &
AMENDMENTS

Award will be posted on **July 13, 2009**. The award, this solicitation, any amendments, and any related notices will be posted at the following web address: <http://www.scdhec.net/procurement>

You must submit a signed copy of this form with Your Offer. By submitting a bid or proposal, You agree to be bound by the terms of the Solicitation. You agree to hold Your Offer open for a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days after the Opening Date.

(See "Signing Your Offer" and "Electronic Signature" provisions.)

NAME OF OFFEROR

(full legal name of business submitting the offer)

Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror. The entity named as the offeror must be a single and distinct legal entity. Do not use the name of a branch office or a division of a larger entity if the branch or division is not a separate legal entity, i.e., a separate corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

(Person must be authorized to submit binding offer to contract on behalf of Offeror.)

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NO.

(See "Taxpayer Identification Number" provision)

TITLE

(business title of person signing above)

STATE VENDOR NO.

(Register to Obtain S.C. Vendor No. at www.procurement.sc.gov)

PRINTED NAME

(printed name of person signing above)

DATE SIGNED

STATE OF INCORPORATION

(If you are a corporation, identify the state of incorporation.)

OFFEROR'S TYPE OF ENTITY: (Check one)

(See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)

☐ Sole Proprietorship

☐ Partnership

☐ Other

☐ Corporate entity (not tax-exempt)

☐ Corporation (tax-exempt)

☐ Government entity (federal, state, or local)

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HOME OFFICE ADDRESS (Address for offeror's home office / principal place of business)	NOTICE ADDRESS (Address to which all procurement and contract related notices should be sent.) (See "Notice" clause)
	Area Code - Number - Extension Facsimile
	E-mail Address

PAYMENT ADDRESS (Address to which payments will be sent.) (See "Payment" clause)	ORDER ADDRESS (Address to which purchase orders will be sent) (See "Purchase Orders and "Contract Documents" clauses)
_____ Payment Address same as Home Office Address _____ Payment Address same as Notice Address (check only one)	_____ Order Address same as Home Office Address _____ Order Address same as Notice Address (check only one)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS Offerors acknowledges receipt of amendments by indicating amendment number and its date of issue. (See "Amendments to Solicitation" Provision)							
Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (See "Discount for Prompt Payment" clause)	10 Calendar Days (%)	20 Calendar Days (%)	30 Calendar Days (%)	_____ Calendar Days (%)
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PREFERENCES - SC RESIDENT VENDOR PREFERENCE (June 2005): Section 11-35-1524 provides a preference for offerors that qualify as a resident vendor. A resident vendor is an offeror that (a) is authorized to transact business within South Carolina, (b) maintains an office* in South Carolina, (c) either (1) maintains a minimum \$10,000.00 representative inventory at the time of the solicitation, or (2) is a manufacturer which is headquartered and has at least a ten million dollar payroll in South Carolina, and the product is made or processed from raw materials into a finished end-product by such manufacturer or an affiliate (as defined in Section 1563 of the Internal Revenue Code) of such manufacturer, and (d) has paid all assessed taxes. If applicable, preference will be applied as required by law.	OFFERORS REQUESTING THIS PREFERENCE MUST INITIAL HERE. _____ *ADDRESS AND PHONE OF IN-STATE OFFICE _____ In-State Office Address same as Home Office Address _____ In-State Office Address same as Notice Address <div align="right">(check only one)</div>
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PREFERENCES - SC/US END-PRODUCT (June 2005): Section 11-35-1524 provides a preference to vendors offering South Carolina end-products or US end-products, if those products are made, manufactured, or grown in SC or the US, respectively. An end-product is the item identified for acquisition in this solicitation, including all component parts in final form and ready for the use intended. The terms made, manufactured, and grown are defined by Section 11-35-1524(B). By signing your offer and checking the appropriate space(s) provided and identified on the bid schedule, offeror certifies that the end-product(s) is either made, manufactured or grown in South Carolina, or other states of the United States, as applicable. Preference will be applied as required by law.	IF THIS PREFERENCE APPLIES TO THIS PROCUREMENT, PART VII (BIDDING SCHEDULE) WILL INCLUDE A PLACE TO CLAIM THE PREFERENCE. OFFERORS REQUESTING THIS PREFERENCE MUST CHECK THE APPROPRIATE SPACES ON THE BIDDING SCHEDULE.
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AMENDMENTS TO SOLICITATION (DHEC – FEB 2007)

- (a) The Solicitation may be amended at any time prior to opening. All actual and prospective Offerors should monitor the following web site for the issuance of Amendments: <http://www.scdhec.gov/procurement/>
- (b) Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation (1) by signing and returning the amendment, (2) by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on Page Two, (3) by letter, or (4) by submitting a bid that indicates in some way that the bidder received the amendment.
- (c) If this solicitation is amended, then all terms and conditions which are not modified remain unchanged.

Amendment Number One

The solicitation is amended as follows:

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING OFFERS (BIDS) FOR THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM 2:30 PM ET ON JUNE 23, 2009 TO 2:30 PM ET ON JUNE 25, 2009.

THE POSTING DATE FOR THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM JULY 9, 2009 TO JULY 13, 2009.

Change of Scope of Services:

On page 14 of the solicitation, delete the first sentence in Item F.3 (related to certification).

Answers to Questions Received:

1. Question: On page 12 under Part III.A.1 (Service Compliance Summary), the RFP states, "Prior to initiation of the study, provide a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) describing in comprehensive detail the necessary QA/QC and other technical activities that must be implemented to ensure that the results of the work performed will satisfy the stated project objectives and performance criteria." Since the study appears to be more of survey, I am curious if this study would fall under a class 4 project.

Answer: The specific class of QMP/QAPP necessary will need to be determined by the Office of Quality Assurance in consultation with the University of South Carolina. It will probably be class 3, perhaps higher, depending on SOPs, etc.

2. Question: Is it necessary to have certification by the SC DHEC-- EQC Laboratory Certification Section (for performing and reporting analytical data in accordance with USEPA-approved methods) in place prior to submission of the proposal?

Answer: See above change in the solicitation.

Further clarification:

Regarding the Scope of Work, A. 2. & 4.: It can be assumed that the four stream stations selected will be located in streams with well defined suspected non-point source inputs such as, horse farms, poultry houses, etc. The proposal should include a general study plan to define the number of samples necessary to characterize the aquatic microbial community through metagenomics sequencing methodologies at each stream station and the number of samples necessary to assess non-point source contributions through qPCR sequencing methodologies at each stream station. The number of samples necessary will be determined by the spatial and temporal considerations of the study plan. Sample locations should be described; for example, x number of samples will be collected upstream and downstream of each station; x number of samples will be collected at a control site and downstream of each station; etc. The sampling schedule should also be described; for example, x number of replicate samples collected within x minutes; samples collected on x number of consecutive days; x number of seasonal samples collected the months of x through x ; etc. Once the contract is awarded, the general study plan may be revised in consultation with SC DHEC.

Regarding the Scope of Work, A. 3.: It is the intent of SC DHEC to participate in the data analysis of the DNA sequence database obtained through metagenomics sequencing, to the greatest extent possible. Therefore, cost consideration for this aspect of the study should be considered to be an intermediate cost between complete analysis by the offeror and complete analysis by SC DHEC.